Be Counted Among Places of Worship Making a Difference

The Long Island Interfaith Environment Network (LIIEN) is celebrating the collective success stories of Long Island’s places of worship in implementing clean energy and other environmentally friendly accomplishments. We are preparing to update a prior report “Greening the Faith” (sample enclosed; full report at LIIEN.org), and would like to include your place of worship. No effort is too small to be counted!

Please use the following form to document any of your efforts, or use any other convenient format. We will feature it on our website, and will also compile the data into a report to be shared at our next annual event this Fall as an inspiration to others. Please submit any photos you would like included.

Please submit by Aug. 31st, 2011 to Keith Mainhart, LIIEN, c/o St. Martin of Tours Parish Outreach, 37 Union Ave, Amityville, NY 11701, smtoutreach@optonline.net, or fax to 631-264-0749. Questions? Contact Keith at 631-264-4840.

Place of Worship:__________________________________________________________

Town: ________________________________________________________________

Contact person:_________________________________ Date:__________________

Phone (s):____________________________________________________________

Email:_______________________________________________________________

Please fill in the following pages on the following areas:

- Building upgrades
- Renewables
- Policies & Outreach
- Other Green Initiatives
1) **Building Efficiency & Retrofitting:** (Please check all that apply)
   a. We have conducted an energy audit *(through LIPA, National Grid, or other consultant)*
   b. We have upgraded or plan to upgrade the following:
      - heating/cooling systems
      - windows
      - lighting
      - insulation
      - other________________________________________________
   c. We are planning to build (or have built) a new LEED (green) building.

Please provide any details you would like to share here or on an attached sheet, *i.e. we spent X amount, saved X amount, and received X rebate…:*
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2) **Renewable Energy Sources:** (Please check all that apply)
   a. We have installed or plan to install Solar PV or solar hot water at *(location & kw)*
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   b. We are purchasing or plan to purchase energy through the LIPA Green Choice Program, which offsets pollution through green energy added to the electric grid.

For the coming year our goal is to:
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3) **Policy and Outreach:** (Please check all that apply)
   a. We have adopted the **CONGREGATION STEWARDSHIP PLEDGE** created by LIIEEN and have a framed copy on our wall. *(If not- contact Elisabeth Fiteni for a copy at efiteni@molloy.edu.)*
   b. We have adopted a staff conservation policy to turn off equipment at night.
   c. We are purchasing only Energy Star labeled office equipment.
d. We are committed to outreach on environmental stewardship. We therefore have:

engaged in public education events for our congregation/fellowship

“preached it from the pulpit”

produced materials to inform the public or children about these important issues

Describe: ____________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________
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4) **Other Eco-stewardship Initiatives:** (Please check all that apply)

a. My place of worship’s janitorial staff is using nontoxic, “green” cleaners.

b. We have reduced indoor or outdoor pesticide use and are implementing organic methods. (describe)______________________________________________________________

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c. We recycle bottles, cans, paper, etc. (describe)____________________________________

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d. We use biodegradable cups and plates, and/or have reduced the amount of styrofoam and other disposables at events. (describe)__________________________________________

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 e. We use recycled paper for our office copy machine.

f. We switched to filtered, bottle-less water dispensers.

g. We have installed low flow water devices in faucets or toilets.

h. We used low-VOC paint (No Volatile Organic Compound odors).

i. We planted a community or native garden. (describe)____________________________

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j. We have purchased alternative fuel vehicles or are running vehicles on alternative fuel (hybrid, biodiesel, natural gas) for our place of worship, clergy/religious leaders, school, etc).
k. Are there any other creative steps not mentioned above that your place of worship has begun to advance on environmental stewardship and energy efficiency, or that are planned for future?

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Thank you so much for sharing!!

**PLEASE SUBMIT PHOTOS OF YOUR FACILITIES AND/OR PROJECTS**
**TO BE USED IN THE REPORT**

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